(d) by when Government will sign MoU with the Karnataka Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Earlier a proposal for setting up a Bharat Darshan Park in Bangalore was under process. However, on account of high cost and long gestation, it was decided not to go ahead in the project.

(c) In view of the decision taken, land in Bangalore was not required.

(d) Does not arise.

Facelift of national monuments in Tamil Nadu

1488. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in The Indian Express dated the 12th October, 2002 captioned ASI wakes up-Delhi monuments are getting a facelift;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have already considered giving a facelift to other national monuments in different parts of the country in general and Tamil Nadu in particular to promote tourism; and

(d) if so, the details of such blueprint?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. However in its quest for maintaining important historical monuments in the country, apart from the 3606 centrally protected monuments, the Archaeological Survey of India has recently notified the Red Fort, Salimgarh Fort and the city wall of Shahjahanabad in Delhi as protected monuments under the AM & ASR Act.

In addition to the maintenance of the 3606 centrally protected monuments, a list of important monuments, which have been identified for integrated development with a view to promoting culture & tourism, (including those in the state of Tamil Nadu) is at Statement enclosed.

Statement

List of Monuments Identified for Integrated Development

Sl. No.	State	Name of Monuments
1	2	3
1.	Delhi	Red Fort, Qutab Minar
2.	Haryana	Monuments of Kurukshetra
3.	Karnataka	Group of Monuments of Hampi
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Group of Monuments of Khajuraho
5.	Maharastra	Ajanta Caves
		Ellora Caves
6.	Orissa	Sun Temple Konark
7.	Tamil Nadu	Group of Monuments Mamallapuram
8.	Uttar Prasdesh	Taj Mahal, Fatehpur Sikri

Protected monuments in Delhi

1489. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments which have been recently added to the list of protected monuments in Delhi;

(b) whether some parts of the Red Fort and Salimgarh Fort, which were under the control of Ministry of Defence have since been taken over by his Ministry; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to develop them as a hub of tourist attraction?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Three monuments in Delhi have been declared protected as of national importance 1. (remaining portion of Red Fort-(i) Asad Burj, Water Gate, Delhi Gate, Lahori Gate and Jahangiri Gate and the entire stretch of the intervening fortification wall with bastions and other features like kiosks, moat on the outside and a 5m wide stretch of land along the fortification wall and gates towards inside;(ii) Chhatta Bazar including the gateway complex; (iii) Baoli, 2. Salimgarh Fort comprising the main gate on the north, ancient structure near the main gate and the entire fortification wall, 3. City wall of Shahjahanabad (Near Darya Gang) from link road connecting Ansari Road and Jawaharlal Nehru Marg to Samta Sthal (intact portion).